

PASTOR'S POCKET
MANUAL



Eden Publishing House
ST LOUIS AND CHICAGO

1930

Preface

The Forms presented in this Manual are not to be considered inflexible regulations to which slavish adherence is demanded. Neither are the prayers intended as a fixed, unalterable form for rigid observance, but rather as suggestive, and as a help to devotional expression. The officiating minister may find it expedient to eliminate phrases or verses, or to amplify the thought, as the occasion may demand, always, however, keeping in mind our standards of faith and worship.

It has been the editor's aim to make this Manual especially rich in the selection of material for the sick-room and for funerals. Poetical selections have been added, because they often fit into the need of the hour of sickness and sorrow.

The editor hopes that the chapter on Personal Evangelism will be helpful in seeking the lost and in reclaiming the indifferent.

The Order for the Solemnization of Marriage and the Order for the Burial of the Dead according to the rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church will be found in the Appendix of this Manual. These Forms are in-

serted for the purpose of meeting a possible preference.

A directory for public worship, church and mission festivals, also for anniversary, dedicatory, ordination and installation services will be found in the Book of Worship of our Evangelical Synod.

It is with grateful appreciation that the editor acknowledges the services of his brethren in the ministry, both in our own Synod as well as in other communions.

May this Manual be accompanied and blessed by the Holy Spirit to the glory of God and of our Saviour, and to the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

H. J. Schick.

Table of Contents

	PAGE
CHAPTER ONE—THE ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM	
Baptism of Infants.....	1
Brief Form of Infant Baptism.....	7
Emergency Baptism.....	10
Confirmation of Lay Baptism.....	13
The Baptism of Adults.....	16
CHAPTER TWO—THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION	
The Confirmation of Children.....	23
The Confirmation of Adults.....	30
CHAPTER THREE—THE ORDER FOR THE SOLEMNI- ZATION OF MARRIAGE	
Form One.....	37
Form Two.....	42
Anniversary of Marriage.....	46
CHAPTER FOUR—THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINIS- TRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION	
The Celebration of the Lord's Supper in the Church or in the Home.....	51
The Communion of the Sick.....	60
Notes on Pew Communion Service.....	67
CHAPTER FIVE — SCRIPTURE LESSONS, VERSES, AND PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DYING	
The Blessings of Afflictions.....	71
The Necessity of Repentance.....	73
The Assurance of Salvation.....	77
Faith and Trust in Divine Help.....	82
Preparation for Death.....	85
The Hope of Eternal Life.....	88
Thanksgiving and Praise for Recovery.....	90
At the Sick-bed of Children.....	92

	PAGE
CHAPTER SIX—THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD	
Funeral Etiquette.....	97
Opening Sentences.....	99
Scripture Lessons for Funeral Services	
General Occasions.....	99
Burial of a Child.....	105
Burial of Young People.....	107
Burial of a Middle-aged Person.....	110
Burial of an Aged Person.....	112
Sudden Death.....	115
Opening Prayers for Funeral Services	
Burial of a Child.....	117
Burial of a Middle-aged Person.....	119
Burial of an Aged Person.....	122
Sudden Death.....	123
Death after Long Affliction.....	125
Forms of Committals	
For General Occasions.....	126
For a Child.....	128
For a Young Person.....	129
For a Middle-aged Person.....	129
For an Aged Person.....	130
For a Non-Christian.....	131
For Burial in a Vault.....	132
For Cremation.....	133
For a Soldier.....	133
For a Burial at Sea.....	134
Closing Prayers at the Grave.....	135
Benedictions.....	137

	PAGE
Suggested Texts for Peculiar or Extraordinary Occasions	
Death after Long Affliction.....	138
Sudden Death.....	139
Death by Casualty.....	140
Death in the Prime of Life.....	141
Death in Time of Pestilence.....	141
Suicide.....	142
Poetical Selections for Funeral Services	
Funeral of a Child.....	143
Funeral of a Young Person.....	146
Funeral of a Person in Middle Life.....	147
Funeral of an Aged Person.....	149
Resurrection.....	151
Heaven.....	153
Submission in Trial.....	155
Looking Heavenward.....	157
Hymns for Funeral Occasions.....	159
CHAPTER SEVEN—PERSONAL EVANGELISM.....	167
APPENDIX	
The Episcopalian Wedding Service.....	183
The Episcopalian Funeral Service.....	188

CHAPTER ONE

The Order for Holy Baptism

Baptism of Infants

Opening Sentence

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The Exhortation

Dearly beloved: Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ commanded his apostles to make disciples of all nations, saying unto them: "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." It was the manifest intention of the blessed Saviour, that little children shall not be excluded from the benefits which are thus to be conveyed. The promise is not only to us, but also to our children. And it is written concerning the Lord Jesus Christ: "They were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them:

and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them."

Doubt not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that he is likewise willing to receive *this child (these children)*, to embrace *him (her, them)* with the arms of his mercy, to give *him (her, them)* the blessing of eternal life, and to make *him (her, them)* partaker of his everlasting kingdom.

But in presenting *this child (these children)* for consecration to God, you must remember that it will be your sacred duty to teach *him (her, them)* early the fear of the Lord, to watch over *his (her, their)* education, to direct *his (her, their)* youthful mind to the Holy Scriptures, and *his (her, their)* feet to the sanctuary; to restrain *him (her, them)* from evil associates and habits, and, as much as in you lieth, to bring *him (her,*

them) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that, if spared to adult years, *he* (*she, they*) may know and follow the will of God, and may live and die a Christian. For "all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life."

Let us pray:

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we entreat thee in behalf of *this child* (*these children*), that thou wouldst grant *him* (*her, them*) that Baptism which is from above, and the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. Receive *him* (*her, them*), O Lord; adopt *him* (*her, them*) into the family of thy saints; bestow upon *him* (*her, them*) thy perpetual benediction; and admit *him* (*her, them*) at last into thine eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy

will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Confession of Faith

Let us now confess our Christian faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Question

Do you desire that *this child* (*these chil-*

dren) shall be baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and do you promise to instruct *him* (*her, them*) in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to teach *him* (*her, them*) to walk in accordance with God's holy commandments? Then answer: *I do (we do)*.

Answer

I do (we do).

Baptism

The minister pronounces the name and applies the water to the head of the infant three times, saying:

N. . ., I baptize thee into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister shall then lay his hand on the head of the infant, saying:

Receive the Holy Spirit, to protect and defend thee against all evil, to strengthen and help thee in all good, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Let us pray:

Prayer

Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! We praise thy holy name, and thank thee that thou didst receive *this child* (*these children*) into the fellowship of the

Christian Church. We commend *him (her, them)* to thy fatherly care. Lead *him (her, them)* in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake. Guard and protect *him (her, them)* from the manifold temptations of this world, that *he (she, they)* may abide in thee always. Graciously bless the parents, sponsors, relatives and friends. Grant that this *child (these children)* and all of us may grow in thy grace and be strengthened in true faith and unfeigned devotion to thee, that we may glorify thee in our lives, and ever rejoice and be comforted by thy covenant of grace. Sanctify us wholly, and receive us, at last, into thine eternal kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.



Brief Form of Infant Baptism**Opening Sentence**

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Exhortation

Dear friends: Our Lord and Saviour has said, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not; for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Doubt not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that he is likewise willing to receive *this child (these children)*, to give *him (her, them)* the blessing of eternal life, and to make *him (her, them)* partaker of his everlasting Kingdom.

But in presenting *this child (these children)* for consecration to God, you must remember that it will be your sacred duty to teach *him (her, them)* early the fear of the Lord, to watch over *his (her, their)* education, to direct *his (her, their)* mind to the Holy Scriptures, and *his (her, their)* feet to the sanctuary, to restrain *him (her, them)* from evil associates and habits, and as much as in you lieth, to bring *him (her, them)* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that if spared to adult years, *he (she, they)*

may know and follow the will of God, and live and die a Christian.

The faith upon which *this child is (these children are)* to be baptized is the faith of the Christian Church in God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(Here the Apostles' Creed may be spoken.)

Do you desire that *this child (these children)* shall be baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and do you promise to instruct *this child (these children)* in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to teach *him (her, them)* to live in accordance with God's holy commandments? Then answer: *I (we) do.*

Answer: *I do (we do).*

Baptism

The minister pronounces the name and applies the water to the head of the infant three times, saying:

N . . ., I baptize thee into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the Holy Spirit to watch over thee, protect and defend thee against all evil, strengthen and help thee in all good through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that thou didst receive *this child (these children)* into the Church of thy Son and has called *him (her, them)* to be partaker of thine everlasting Kingdom. We commend *him (her, them)* to thy fatherly care. Guide *him (her, them)* in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake. Graciously bless the parents, sponsors, relatives and friends. Draw us all as children of thine ever nearer to thee and bring us at last into the heavenly home through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

Emergency Baptism

Opening Sentence

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Amen. (Rom. 14: 8.)

Address

Dearly beloved: This being our Christian faith, let us draw nigh unto our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not; for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. And let us consecrate this child unto him, in order that, according to his wise providence, he may grant *him (her)* health and strength for this life, or bliss and glory with him in eternity.

The Confession of Faith

Let us confess our Christian faith.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the

third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Question

Addressing the parents, the minister shall say:

Do you desire that this child be baptized upon this faith, and do you promise to instruct *him (her)* in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, provided *his (her)* life be spared, then answer: *I do (we do)*.

Answer

I do (we do).

Baptism

The minister shall then say, repeating the name of the child:

I baptize thee into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Triune God bless thee according to his divine will in time and eternity. Amen.

Prayer

Gracious Father in heaven. We are thine in life and in death. Let thy grace be manifested upon this child which we have consecrated unto thee. It is thy child, O Father, and we know that thy love is greater than that of earthly parents. If it be thy will, spare this child and grant that *he (she)* may recover. Nevertheless, not our will, but thy will be done. We look unto thee, O Christ our Lord and Saviour. Grant that we may find comfort and strength in thee and thy word now and for ever.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

NOTE: When necessary, the pastor may omit the address and creed, and proceed at once with the baptism, saying:

Do you desire that this child shall be baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and do you promise to instruct *him (her)* in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, provided its life be spared, then answer: *I do (we do)*.

Thereupon shall follow the baptism, closing with prayer and benediction.



Confirmation of Lay-Baptism

Opening Sentence

In the name of God the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Address

Beloved in the Lord: This child, on account of extreme illness has received emergency baptism. But God the Lord, in his great mercy, has preserved *his (her)* life, and we have come here to be assured by public confirmation in due Christian order, that this child has been baptized properly, and in accordance with the Word of God, and that *his (her)* baptism was valid. I therefore ask you, in the presence of God:

Was this child baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit? Then answer: Yes.

Answer: Yes.

Do you promise to instruct this child in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to teach *him (her)* to walk in accordance with God's holy commandments? Then answer: *I do (we do).*

Answer: *I do (we do).*

Forasmuch, then, as you have done this in the name and upon the command of our Lord, you have done what was meet and right; for little children need the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He graciously encouraged the bringing of children to him, as we are assured in the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, where it is written: "And they were bringing unto him little children that he should touch them. And the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them."

From these words of the Lord Jesus we

may be confident that this child also has been received into the kingdom of grace. Let us, therefore, pray that it may be kept steadfast in the same unto eternal salvation.

The minister, laying his hand upon the head of the child, shall then say:

N. . . , the almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen thee with his grace unto everlasting life. Amen.

Let us pray.

Prayer

O Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee that thou didst receive this child into thy favor. We beseech thee to strengthen *him (her)* by thy Holy Spirit. Grant unto *his (her)* parents grace to serve thee in this child that, as a living member of thy Church, *he (she)* may bring forth much fruit to the praise and honor of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray:

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not **into** temptation, but deliver us

from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

NOTE: If the minister be uncertain whether the child has been baptized, he shall baptize it according to the usual form.



The Baptism of Adults

Opening Sentence

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Address

Dearly beloved: Forasmuch as our Saviour saith: None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerated and born anew of water and of the Holy Spirit, I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his bounteous mercy he may grant to *these persons* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that *they* may be baptized with water and

the Holy Spirit, and be received into Christ's holy Church, and be made worthy and active members of his kingdom.

Let us pray:

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, the Aid of all who are in want, the Helper of all who flee to thee for succor, the Life of those who believe, and the Resurrection of the dead, we beseech thee in behalf of *these persons*, that *they*, coming to the holy baptism, may receive thine everlasting grace. Accept *them*, O Lord, as thou hast promised through thy beloved Son, saying: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Grant now that *these persons* may enjoy the everlasting benediction and may come into the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Then the minister shall address the candidates:

The Exhortation

Dearly beloved: It has pleased God in his infinite mercy to awaken in you a strong desire to become Christians, and to lead you, as we humbly trust, to true repentance and faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Of the sincerity of your purpose to lead a new life, and to seek an inheritance with the righteous here and beyond the grave, we have so far become satisfied as to accord to you our confidence and fellowship as Christian believers, entitled to a place with us in the fold of Christ, and to all the ordinances of the house of God. Among these ordinances is baptism, to receive which you have now presented yourselves. For our Lord has commanded to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever he has commanded. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth, shall be condemned."

On the Day of Pentecost, when the multitude were moved in their hearts and inquired what they should do, St. Peter answered, "Repent ye, and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ, unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then they that received his word were baptized." And now, following the example of the early saints, you stand here in the presence of God and of this assembly, to receive the ordinance of Christian baptism. Now, therefore, I ask you:

Question

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit; the one Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting? Then answer: I do.

Answer: *I do.*

Do you solemnly consecrate *yourselves* to Christ and his service forever, and do you promise that you will endeavor henceforth to do God's holy will and keep his commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of your life? Then answer: I do.

Answer: *I do.*

The candidates kneeling, the minister shall baptize them, saying:

Baptism

N. . ., I baptized thee into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. With this Holy Sacrament I receive thee into the Christian Church.

Defend, O Lord, this thy servant with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine forever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until *he* come into thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Or:

The God of peace himself sanctify you

wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or:

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, who loved us, and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your heart, and keep you faithful unto eternal life. Amen.

Let us pray:

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, who maketh us both to will and to do those things which are good and acceptable unto thy Divine Majesty: we give thanks that it hath pleased thee to awaken in *these* thy *servants* a sense of *their* Christian duty, and that thou hast enabled *them* to make a good confession before many witnesses. We supplicate thee in *their* behalf that thy fatherly hand may ever guard *them*. Forbid that *they* should ever forget this solemn hour or the engagements into which *they* have now entered. Let thy Holy Spirit ever be with *them*, and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end *they* may obtain everlasting life through our Lord Jesus

Christ, who, with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

(Note. The Lord's Prayer on page 17 may be omitted and spoken at the close of the service, following the prayer on page 21.)



CHAPTER TWO

The Order for Confirmation

Opening Sentence

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Address

Dear Christian friends: The children here present, who by Baptism have been made partakers together with us of the grace of God, have assembled for the purpose of presenting themselves before their Lord and Saviour, and in the presence of this Christian congregation to renew, confirm and ratify the promise made at their baptism, and to make public profession of the religion of Jesus Christ. By careful instruction in the truths of the Gospel, they have been brought to the knowledge of the way of salvation. It is now their wish and desire to be made partakers of all the blessings which the Lord vouchsafes to his Church, and to unite themselves more closely with their Saviour through the blessed Sacrament of his Holy Supper. In the name of God, I, there-

fore, exhort you all, to hear the confession and promises of these young Christians in brotherly love, heartily and devoutly praying for them, that it may please God, to establish and further the good work which he has begun in them through his Holy Spirit.

Let us pray:

Prayer

O Lord God, most merciful Father, who dost esteem the souls of our children precious in thy sight, and hast received them through Holy Baptism into the blessed fellowship which is with thee and thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast graciously brought them to the knowledge of everlasting salvation, we beseech thee, to look upon them now in tender mercy for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ. Enlighten them with divine knowledge, and increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace. Grant them, O God, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of true godliness, and so lead them in true faith and obedience to thy Gospel, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Faith

Beloved children, you may now make your confession of faith.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Vows

I ask you, my friends, before this assembly and in the presence of God who knows the secrets of all hearts:

Do you sincerely believe in God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, desiring to be received into the fellowship of

the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ? Then answer: I do.

Answer: *I do.*

Do you renounce all evil, the vanities of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh? Then answer: I do.

Answer: *I do.*

Do you promise, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to live according to the doctrine and precepts of Christ, as presented in the Holy Scriptures, and to remain faithful to the confession of the Church of Jesus Christ? Then answer: I do.

Answer: *I do.*

Prayer of Consecration

Let us (kneel and) pray:

The congregation stands while the minister and the confirmands kneel, or stand in prayer.

Come, O Holy Spirit, into our hearts, and dwell in us, now and for ever. Confirm and establish our promises, and help us to keep them always. Lord Jesus, thou good and gracious Shepherd, shield us that none may go astray. Draw us, O Father, to thy Son, that we may abide with him, and at last inherit everlasting life. We ask it in his name. Amen.

The Confirmation

The congregation being seated the minister shall say to the confirmands:

You may now come forward to receive the solemn rite of Confirmation by the laying on of hands, as your full and formal consecration to God's holy service.

Or:

Come now and receive the blessing according to the solemn rite of the Evangelical Church.

The candidates come forward as directed by the minister, and, kneeling before the altar, give the minister their right hand, while he calls them by name (and reads their memorial verse). Then the minister shall lay his hand upon the head of each one, saying:

Heavenly Father, renew and multiply in this thy servant the gift of the Holy Spirit. Make *him (her)* firm in faith, strong in godliness, patient under sufferings, and joyful in the hope of everlasting life, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Or:

Defend, O Lord, this thy servant with heavenly grace, that *he (she)* may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in the Holy Spirit, until *he (she)* come into thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Or:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath loved us, and given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort you, and keep you faithful unto eternal life. Amen.

Or:

The love of Christ so constrain you, that you may live henceforth not unto yourself, but unto him who died for you and rose again. Amen.

Reception into the Membership of the Church

The confirmed arise and are addressed by the minister as follows. Or they may form a semi-circle about the altar, the minister addressing them (and giving each the right hand of fellowship).

Upon the voluntary profession and promises which you have made, I hereby acknowledge and declare you to be confirmed members of the Evangelical Church (this Christian congregation), (and give you the right hand of Christian fellowship and love); authorizing you to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all our spiritual privileges, so long as your deportment shall correspond with the promises which you now have made. Amen.

Addressing the congregation, the minister shall say:

And now it behooves you, the members of this congregation, to acknowledge and re-

ceive these young people as God's children, your joint-heirs in Christ. Deem it your Christian privilege and duty to care tenderly for them, cheerfully rendering all Christian service to body and soul, as becometh those who are members together in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray:

Prayer

Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we give thee hearty thanks for thy great goodness through which these thy servants have attained unto the knowledge of the truth, so that they both believe with their hearts and confess with their lips thy Son Jesus Christ and his Gospel. We humbly beseech thee that thou wouldst further enlighten and strengthen their hearts and minds, that they may grow daily in all things pertaining to salvation and bring forth the fruits of faith and love, to the praise of thy holy name. May they remain steadfast until the day of thy appearing, when, having fought the good fight, they shall receive the crown of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.



The Confirmation of Adults

The confirmation of adults may take place at the conclusion of a regular Sunday or mid-week service, or privately in the presence of the church council, or of relatives and friends.

Opening Sentence

In the name of God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introduction

Dearly beloved: The persons here present have by the grace of God and the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit expressed their

willingness to unite with the Christian Church. Having been duly instructed in the essentials of the Evangelical doctrine and being convinced of the truth of the Gospel, it is their desire now to be admitted formally into the membership of our congregation. Therefore they have come to confess their faith, to promise allegiance and to receive the blessing of our Church.

Let us, therefore, invoke the blessing of God, and pray as follows:

Prayer

Almighty God, our merciful Father, we praise thy holy name, and thank thee that thou hast established thy kingdom among us and gathered a congregation in which thy Word is preached and the holy Sacraments are administered. Especially do we thank thee, that thou hast brought these friends to the knowledge of the blessed truth of salvation in Christ Jesus, thine only begotten Son, our Saviour. We humbly beseech thee to grant that they may cheerfully confess their faith. Do thou enrich and strengthen them therein. Richly bless them with heavenly gifts through Christ, and help them to give evidence of their faith by a religious and

godly life, and to remain steadfast unto the end. May thy blessings rest upon us all. Keep us in thy communion unto life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading or Address

Then the minister shall deliver an address or read several passages of Holy Scripture.

Suitable Scripture Selections are: Matt. 5: 3-16; Rom. 3: 19-31; Rom. 8: 1-11; Rom. 10: 4-14; 1 Cor. 1: 18-31; 1 Cor. 3: 10-23; 2 Cor. 3: 12-18; Eph. 1: 3-14; Eph. 2: 4-9; Col. 1: 9-14; 1 Tim. 6: 11-16.

The Confession of Faith

Let us now confess our Christian Faith in the presence of the omniscient God and these Christian witnesses.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Vows

The minister, addressing the candidates, asks the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Bible, the Old and the New Testament, to be the Word of God, and are you willing to obey its precepts, as these have been taught you? Then answer: I do.

Answer: I do.

2. Do you promise with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to live according to the doctrines and precepts of Christ, as presented in the Holy Scriptures, and to remain faithful to the Church of Jesus Christ? Then answer: I do.

Answer: I do.

The Confirmation

Thereupon the minister shall say:

Come now and receive the blessing according to the solemn rite of the Evangelical Church.

The candidates come forward and kneel as directed by the minister, who shall lay his hand upon the head of each one, using one or more of the following forms:

Heavenly Father, renew and multiply in this thy servant the gift of the Holy Spirit. Make *him (her)* firm in faith, strong in godliness, patient under sufferings, and joyful in the hope of everlasting life, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or:

The Father of mercies multiply in you his grace and peace, enable you truly and faithfully to keep your vows, defend you in every time of danger, preserve you spotless unto the end, and finally bring you to rest with all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

Or:

Defend, O Lord, this thy servant with heavenly grace, that *he (she)* may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in the Holy Spirit, until *he (she)* come into thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Reception into the Membership of the Church

The confirmed arise and are addressed by the minister as follows. Or they may form a semi-circle about the altar, the minister addressing them (and giving each the right hand of fellowship).

Upon the voluntary profession and promises which you have made, I hereby acknowledge and declare you to be confirmed members of the Evangelical Church (this Christian congregation), (and give you the right hand of Christian fellowship and love); authorizing you to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all our spiritual privileges, so long as your deportment shall correspond to the promises which you now have made. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Merciful God and Father, we give thanks unto thee for the Church which thou hast established as thy visible kingdom on earth. We praise thee that thou dost continually call mortals into this communion with thee. We rejoice that thou hast enabled these persons to give evidence of their faith and make a good confession. May it be acceptable unto thee. Grant them the joy which cometh to those who trust in thee. Endue these thy servants with thy Holy Spirit. Keep them steadfast in faith and service, and grant, that, in the end, they may be among those who shall praise thee eternally for the wonders of thy glorious mercy.

And now, O Lord, we pray for thy Church. Graciously extend thy kingdom over all the world. May men everywhere acknowledge thee as their Saviour and Redeemer. Let thy Word dwell richly in all hearts. Give unto faith the victory which shall overcome the world. Grant, that all who believe on thee may become living epistles known and read of all men. Make us as the living stones, built up as a spiritual house, acceptable to God, which shall endure unto eternity. And unto thee, the Saviour, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be praise and honor and glory for ever.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

CHAPTER THREE

The Order for the Solemnization of Marriage

Form One

NOTE: The minister should become acquainted with the laws of the commonwealth in which the marriage is to be performed. At the time appointed for the ceremony the persons to be married appear before the minister, the groom standing at the right of the bride.

Opening Sentence

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Address

Dear friends: You are here in the presence of God and of these witnesses to be joined together as husband and wife.

Marriage is an honorable estate, divinely instituted. It was hallowed and blessed by the gracious presence of Christ at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. Furthermore, it is compared in Holy Writ to the blessed union between Christ and his Church. The marriage obligations, therefore, should not be

entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God.

For be you well assured, that whatever the ardor of your affection, or your present anticipations may be, times of difficulty, moments of trial will come, when all the courage of a generous heart and all the piety of a true Christian will be required to sustain you. Let the Word of God, therefore, be as the daily light unto your path. Let daily prayer be as the wings upon which to rise into the presence of God who is our refuge and strength. Moreover, let the House of God be your spiritual home, where you can find blessing and strength for the daily tasks and duties of life.

May you never lose sight of the sacred promises, nor of the mutual fidelity, affection and confidence which you now profess. By obediently following the Word of God, and faithfully adhering to your vows, you will not be disappointed in your hopes, but will be the support and comfort of each other during your earthly life. Thus you will be assured of peace and happiness on earth, and prepared for the everlasting life in heaven.

I entreat you, therefore, in entering upon

and sustaining this hallowed union, to seek the favor and blessing of God whose favor is life: whose blessing maketh rich and addeth no sorrow.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we beseech thee, come with thy blessing to this marriage. Graciously give to these thy servants a true conception of the obligations they are now to assume. With true intent and in utter unreserve of love may they plight their troth, and henceforth remain faithful to each other, till death do them part. Amen.

The Vows

I now ask you, Mr. N. . ., do you take *Miss (Mrs.)* N. . . here present to be your wedded wife, and do you promise to love, honor, sustain and cherish her, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity, and to be faithful unto her as becometh a good husband, so long as you both shall live? Then answer: I do.

Answer: I do.

In like manner I also ask you, *Miss (Mrs.)* N. . ., do you take Mr. N. . . here present to be your wedded husband, and do you promise to love, honor and cherish him,

in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity, and to be faithful unto him as becometh a good wife, so long as you both shall live? Then answer: I do.

Answer: I do.

If married with a ring, the bridegroom shall place the ring, which the minister hands to him, upon the fourth finger of the bride's left hand. If two rings are used, the minister places the respective rings on the respective fingers of both parties. During the ceremony the minister continues:

In token of these your mutual vows you bestow and receive *this (these) bridal ring (rings)*. Let *it (them)* continue to you both a symbol of the value, the purity and constancy of true wedded life, and a seal of those vows to which you now set your hands.

Join your right hands.

Inasmuch as you have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this assembly, as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of this State, I do hereby pronounce you husband and wife in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. What, therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Henceforth, you journey life's pathway together. Let love be the charmed word in the language of your home and hearts. And may God's constant benediction crown your union with ever increasing joy and blessedness through Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Prayer

O most holy and merciful God, graciously ratify with thy favor and blessing the union into which these thy servants have entered. Sanctify their hearts by thy grace, and enable them to keep their mutual vows with loving and constant fidelity. Give them grace to commend themselves always to each other; to cherish a due regard for each other's feelings and opinions; to be just to each other's virtues and intentions; to be lenient to each other's failings and infirmities. Crown their union with thy rich favor. Enable them to journey together hand in hand through all the pathway of life. May the fellowship of their wedded life be the dearer and purer, because of their fellowship with thee, and may their love be glorified in thy love. And, having been pious and virtuous here upon earth, may they at

last enter thy blessed kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.



Form Two

Opening Sentence

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Address

Marriage is a divine institution, and honorable to all who maintain therein a true fidelity. It unites two hearts and lives,

blending all their interests and sympathies and hopes. It involves mutual love and devotion, service and sacrifice, purity and constancy. It is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God.

I charge and entreat you, therefore, to walk as in the sight of God, and to keep sacred the vows of wedlock you are now to assume. Implore then at this moment the blessings of God, that he in his mercy may extend to you his favors and graces, and animate you to a faithful discharge of your obligations.

Prayer

O God our heavenly Father, Giver of all spiritual grace and Author of everlasting life, graciously bless these thy servants who are to be married. Enable them to enter into the covenant of marriage with true hearts. Grant that they may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Vows

I now ask you, Mr. N. . . , do you take Miss (Mrs.) N... here present to be your

wedded wife, and do you promise to love, honor, sustain and cherish her, in joy and sorrow, in health and sickness, in prosperity and adversity, and to be faithful unto her as becometh a good husband, so long as you both shall live? Then answer: I do.

Answer: I do.

In like manner I ask you, *Miss (Mrs.)* N. . ., do you take Mr. N. . . here present to be your wedded husband, and do you promise to love, honor and cherish him, in joy and sorrow, in health and sickness, in prosperity and adversity, and to be faithful unto him as becometh a good wife, so long as you both shall live? Then answer: I do.

Answer: I do.

If married with a ring, the groom shall place the ring, which the minister hands to him, upon the fourth finger of the bride's left hand.

If two rings are used, the minister places the respective rings on the respective fingers of both parties.

During the ceremony the minister shall say:

In token of these your mutual vows you bestow and receive *this (these)* bridal *ring (rings)*. Let *it (them)* continue to you both a symbol of the purity and constancy of true wedded life, and a seal of those vows to which you now set your hands.

Join your right hands.

Forasmuch, then, as you have consented to live together in holy wedlock, and have plighted each to the other your sacred troth, as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, I do hereby pronounce you husband and wife, in the name of God the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

What, therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Henceforth, you journey life's pathway together. Let love be the charmed word in the language of your home and hearts. And may God's constant benediction crown your union with ever increasing joy and blessedness through Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

NOTE: The minister may omit the titles, "Mr.," "Miss," and "Mrs." and may address the couple by their full names, or only by their Christian names.

Anniversary of Marriage**Opening Sentence**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Address

Dear friends: These Christian spouses appear at this time before the Lord to renew the remembrance of that covenant of matrimony which they made *twenty-five (fifty)* years ago. It is their desire to offer to the Lord thanksgiving for all his mercies toward them (*and their family*). They also wish to supplicate the gracious aid of God for the portion that remaineth of their earthly life. In order, then, that this anniversary celebration shall add a blessing to their hearts and home, as well as to ours, let us hear the Word of God, as it is written in Psalm 23 (or Psalm 92: 1-5; 12-15).

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow
me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for
ever.

Or:

Psalm 92: 1-5; 12-15.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most
High;
To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morn-
ing,
And thy faithfulness every night,
With an instrument of ten strings, and with
the psaltery;
With a solemn sound upon the harp.
For thou, the Lord, hast made me glad through
thy work:
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
How great are thy works, O Lord!
The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree:
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord;
They shall flourish in the courts of our God.
They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
They shall be full of sap and green:
To show that the Lord is upright.

Then may follow a short address based on one
of the above Psalms, or on one of the following
texts: Gen. 32: 10; 1 Sam. 7: 18; Job 10: 12; Ps. 9:
1, 2; Ps. 40: 5; Ps. 64: 9, 10; Ps. 71: 17, 18; Ps. 92:
13; Ps. 115: 13, 15; Ps. 128: 5; Prov. 17: 6; Isa. 46:
4; Zech. 8: 4; 1 Cor. 15: 10.

Then shall the minister say:

Beloved in the Lord: Inasmuch as God in his bountiful grace and goodness has permitted you to live together in the holy estate of matrimony these *twenty-five (fifty)* years, and has guarded and blessed you so that you are able to celebrate this anniversary, it behooves you to praise him for his mercies in the past and to implore his gracious guidance and protection for the future.

Join, therefore, your right hands and with believing hearts receive the blessing of the Lord.

The celebrating couple may stand or kneel, and the minister, laying his right hand upon their hands, shall say:

May our merciful God and Father, who hath hitherto sustained and blessed you by his grace in your wedded life, grant unto you the continuance of his divine protection and blessing, and cause your hearts to remain united in faithful love unto the end. Amen.

Prayer

Almighty God, heavenly Father, who didst institute the holy estate of matrimony and in thy grace didst permit these thy servants to remain therein these many years, we render thee most hearty thanks for this

thy goodness. Thou hast richly and daily provided for all their wants. Thou hast kept them under the covert of thy wings even unto this their *silver (golden)* jubilee. Let now, O Lord, the thankofferings of their hearts be acceptable in thy sight. Hear them, dear Lord, as they pray also for the continued grace and guidance of thy presence during the remaining days of their pilgrimage. Hold thou them with thine everlasting arms, strengthen them in all infirmities of body and soul, guard them from all evil, and let them experience constantly the comfort and peace of thy Holy Spirit in their hearts. As thou hast been with them hitherto, do thou be with them still. May they realize the promise of thy Word, that blessings are upon the habitations of the just for ever and ever. And finally, O Lord, when their last hour has come, let them depart in peace and be reunited forever in the joy of thy heavenly Kingdom, where with all the angels they shall give thanks to thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy

will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

NOTE: Where convenient or desired a hymn may be sung introducing and closing the service.



CHAPTER FOUR

**The Order for the Administration of
Holy Communion**

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Opening Sentence

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Exhortation

Dearly beloved in the Lord: Inasmuch as you intend to come to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, it behooves you to consider how St. Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to examine themselves, before they presume to eat of this Bread and drink of this Cup. "Whosoever shall eat of the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. For he that eateth and drinketh, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself, if he discern not the body." Let us, therefore, judge ourselves, that we may not be judged. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in

us." "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." "There is no distinction; for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." But the Lord saith: "I, the Lord, search the mind, I try the heart." "And all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do." He is not a God, that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil sojourn with him. If we serve sin, live without repentance and harden our hearts, we treasure up unto ourselves "wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his works." For there is no respect of persons with God. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." "Acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God." "Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God." "Today, if ye shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Consider the things which

belong unto your peace, and hasten to save your souls.

Thus the Word of God reminds us of our unworthiness, thus solemnly it calls us to repentance; but as freely and fully does it also testify and proclaim unto us the unsearchable riches of divine mercy. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live." "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them, that fear him." "There shall be joy in heaven over one sinner, that repenteth." "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have eternal life." "Be ye reconciled to God." "Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him."

Having heard these exhortations and promises of the Word of God, let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins, and (upon bended knees) seek after grace and divine forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Then the minister, on behalf of all who purpose to come to the Holy Communion, shall offer the following prayer of confession:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a poor sinner, acknowledge and deplore my manifold sins and wickedness, which I have from time to time committed against thee by thought, word and deed, from unbelief, ingratitude, unfaithfulness, and want of brotherly love. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my transgressions. I have none other comfort or trust, than thy grace which aboundeth above my guilt, and the precious merits of my Lord Jesus Christ. Longing after this grace I say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy child; but I come at this time of grace to ask of thee pardon and peace, new confidence toward thee, and strength to lead a new and righteous life through thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

The communicants then shall remain standing, (or if kneeling, they shall rise) and the minister shall say:

I now ask you before the omniscient God, and upon the evidence of your own conscience:

Do you acknowledge and deplore your many sins with contrite heart?

Do you truly believe that our heavenly Father is willing, for Jesus' sake, to forgive all your sins?

Do you fully resolve to submit yourself in future to the gracious direction of the Holy Spirit, so that you may no more purposely sin, but be enabled to follow after holiness?

If so, make it manifest by saying: I do.

Answer: I do.

The Assurance of Pardon

The minister shall proceed as follows:

Upon this humble confession which you have made, as a minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I declare unto you, who do truly repent and heartily believe in Jesus Christ, and are sincerely determined to amend your sinful lives, the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer (Optional)

Almighty and eternal God, we have sinned against thee, and because of our sins have merited everlasting condemnation.

But, as we believe, thy beloved Son, our Lord, hath wrought for us everlasting salvation, and having the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins in thy holy Word, and of absolution, we humbly beseech thee to fill us with the power of thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever guard against sin, and in our holy calling live a truly pious life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Institution

Let us hear with reverent hearts the words instituting the Lord's Supper:

Our Lord Jesus Christ in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.

In like manner also he took the cup, after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Matt. 26: 26-28; Mark 14: 22-24; Luke 22: 19-20; 1 Cor. 11: 23-25.

The Invocation (Optional)

Praise, and honor, and glory be unto thee, O Christ. The bread which we bless is the Communion of thy holy Body, and the cup which we bless is the Communion of thy holy Blood. O thou everlasting Son of the Father, sanctify us by thy Holy Spirit, and make us worthy partakers of thy sacred Body and Blood, that we may be cleansed from sin and made one with all the members of thy Church in heaven and on earth. Graciously hear anew the resolution of our hearts: Lord Jesus, for thee we live, for thee we suffer, for thee we die, thine will we be in life and in death. Grant us, O Lord, eternal salvation.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Agnus Dei (Or some other appropriate hymn)

(Sung by the congregation, or recited by the pastor.)

O Lamb of God who, bleeding,
Upon the cross did'st languish,
Nor scorn nor malice heeding,
So patient in thine anguish,
On thee our guilt was lying;
Thou saved'st us by dying:
Have mercy on us Lord Jesus.

(Hymnal No. 111)

The Invitation

The minister shall then say:

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Thus our Lord invites all who truly repent and heartily believe, and vouchsafes to them his forgiveness and grace. Come, for all things are prepared. Taste and see how good the Lord is. Blessed are they who trust in him. Amen.

The Communion

When the communicants come to the altar, the minister shall give the bread, saying:

Take and eat, this is the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you; this do in remembrance of him.

When the minister gives the cup, he shall say:

Take and drink, this is the Blood of our

Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do in remembrance of him.

Or:

Take and drink ye all of it; this is the Cup of the New Covenant in the Blood of Christ, which was shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of him.

The Dismissal

After those standing at the altar have communed, the minister shall dismiss them, saying:

May this strengthen and preserve you unto everlasting life. Go ye in peace. Be it unto you according to your faith. Amen.

When all have communed, the minister shall say:

Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his lovingkindness endureth for ever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we most heartily thank thee, that thou hast again vouchsafed to nourish us with the precious body and blood of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and we humbly beseech thee, graciously to strengthen us through this Holy Sacrament, in faith toward thee, in charity toward one another, and in the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

**The Communion of the Sick****Opening Sentence**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Address

Dearly beloved: Since you desire to re-

ceive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to comfort and strengthen your soul, remember the words of our Saviour: Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. Thus our Lord offers himself as our sacrifice and vouchsafes to us forgiveness and comfort.

In order that you may be worthy and well prepared, search your heart and conscience, remembering the Word of God: Let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thus draw nigh unto the throne of grace and with contrite heart confess your sins:

The Confession of Sins

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a poor sinner, acknowledge and

deplore my manifold sins and wickedness, which I have from time to time committed against thee by thought, word and deed, from unbelief, ingratitude, unfaithfulness, and want of brotherly love. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my transgressions. I have no other comfort or hope than thy grace which aboundeth above my guilt, and the precious merits of my Lord Jesus Christ. Longing after this grace I say: Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy child; I come, however, at this time of grace to ask of thee pardon and peace, new confidence toward thee, and strength to lead a new and righteous life through thy good and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Or:

Almighty God, my heavenly Father, I come before thee deeply humbled on account of my manifold sins, which I confess unto thee with sincere sorrow and heartfelt penitence. I desire to find peace for my soul through faith in thy dear Son, whom thou hast delivered up to suffer and die even for me, as well as for the sins of the whole world. Oh, sanctify unto me the celebration

of this Holy Supper. May it assure me of the forgiveness of all my sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, my dear Saviour. Hear my prayer, O Lord, for it is my sincere purpose to serve thee with gratitude and faithfulness, and to do thy holy will to the end of my days. Do thou graciously strengthen me by thy mighty power to live for thee. O God, my hope is in thee; have mercy upon me and give me thy peace. Amen.

The minister shall then say:

If this is your sincere prayer and confession, then declare it before the all-knowing God by saying: Yes.

Answer: Yes.

The Assurance of Pardon

According to your faith be it unto you. As a minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Institution

Let us hear with reverent hearts the words of Christ, instituting this Holy Supper.

Our Lord Jesus Christ in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.

In like manner also he took the cup, after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Invocation (Optional)

O Lamb of God, who didst patiently and meekly bear the contradiction of sinners, and the cruelty of thine enemies; except thou hadst borne our sins, we must forever despair; have mercy upon us, O Christ. Amen.

The Invitation

The minister shall then say:

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Thus our Lord invites all who truly repent and heartily believe, and vouchsafes to them his forgiveness and grace. Come, for all things are prepared. Taste and see how good the

Lord is. Blessed are they who trust in him.
Amen.

The Communion

The minister shall then give the bread, saying:

Take and eat, this is the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you; this do in remembrance of him.

Thereupon the minister shall give the cup, saying:

Take and drink, this is the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do in remembrance of him.

After the communion the minister shall say:

May this strengthen and preserve you unto everlasting life. Be it unto you according to your faith. Amen.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endureth for ever.

Prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy rich mercy, vouchsafed to us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Graciously bless this sacred Communion unto our souls, to the end that we may be able to present ourselves a holy and living sacrifice

unto thee through Jesus Christ, thy Son and our Saviour. Merciful God, we pray particularly for this thy servant, who is (seriously) ill. May it please thee to deal compassionately with *him (her)*. Send upon *him (her)* thy healing power and virtue, both in *his (her)* body, and in *his (her)* soul, and spirit. May it be *his (her)* great consolation to know, that thou hast redeemed *his (her)* soul from eternal death, and made *him (her)* an heir of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. If it be thy will, spare *his (her)* life for thy service here on earth; but if thou hast otherwise appointed, then graciously receive *his (her)* soul to thee, O most merciful God and Saviour. Help *him (her)* to feel, that, whether living or dying, *he (she)* is thine, and that nothing shall separate *him (her)* from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. We humbly commend *his (her)* soul to thee, and confidently ask that thou wouldst do all things well with *him (her)* and us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy

will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.



Pew Communion Service

The Pew Communion Service must be very carefully planned, otherwise the solemn beauty of the service may be marred. The pastor should have as assistants such persons who fully realize the sacredness of the occasion. Such assistants may be members of the church board, or persons appointed by them. All should be dressed as far as possible alike and with conservative taste. If the pastor appears in a robe, it is recommended that the assistants appear likewise. Careful instruction and rehearsal should pre-

cede the communion service. In the rehearsal a definite section or block of pews should be assigned to and marked off for each assistant. The number of assistants will vary according to the size of the congregation expected to commune.

The assistants may receive the Lord's Supper at the altar *before* serving the congregation, or they may commune *with* the congregation, or they may commune at the altar *after* having served the people. The pastor may serve himself, or he may receive the bread and wine from one of his assistants, and commune at such time as may seem to him most convenient.

During the distribution of both the bread and the wine appropriate organ music may be played, or communion hymns sung by the choir, or the communicants may be left in silent and personal communion with the Lord.

The Pew Communion Service is introduced in the same manner as the Altar Communion Service. The following order is suggested and may be varied to suit the individual needs.

After the introductory service the assistants appear before the altar and the pastor

hands to each of them a plate with the consecrated bread, quoting an appropriate passage of Scripture, e. g., Mark 8: 6b; John 6: 47-51; 57-58). They leave the altar in an orderly procession, each one halting when he arrives at his station, and then turning to face the altar. The pastor then requests the communicants to hold in their hand the bread which they are about to receive. Upon a signal from the pastor the assistants begin to serve the bread. The communicants wait until they hear the words: "Take, eat, etc.," whereupon all commune together. After the words: "This do in remembrance of him," the assistants in orderly procession approach the altar to receive the trays with the consecrated wine from the pastor (while he quotes appropriate Scripture passages, e. g., John 6: 53-57). The assistants leave the altar in like manner as with the bread, halting at their respective stations and facing the altar. The pastor requests the communicants to hold the cup, until the proper words are spoken. Then the assistants serve the wine, and when the pastor says: "Take, drink, etc.," all the people commune together. They then place the empty cups into holders provided for this purpose on the back of the

pews, where they remain until after the service. The assistants bring the communion trays to the altar and the pastor may close the service in the usual manner with prayer and benediction. Usually, however, an offering in behalf of some benevolent purpose is made. In that case, after the assistants have brought the communion trays to the altar, they receive the offering plates, proceed as before to their respective station, and face the altar. The pastor may then acquaint the people with the purpose of the offering and invoke God's blessing upon the same. After the offering has been received the assistants again come forward to the altar, and the pastor may close the service in the customary way.



CHAPTER FIVE

**Scripture Lessons, Verses, and
Prayers for the Sick and Dying**

The Blessings of Afflictions

Lessons

Psalms 30; 73; Lam. 3: 18-33; James 1: 2-12;
1 Peter 1: 3-25; 4: 12-19.

Sentences

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty. (Job 5: 17.)

For whom the Lord loveth he reproveth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. (Prov. 3: 12.)

Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. (Isa. 26: 16.)

Behold, I have refined thee; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. (Isa. 48: 10.)

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your

ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
(Isa. 55: 8-9.)

I have loved thee with an everlasting
love: therefore with lovingkindness have I
drawn thee. (Jer. 31: 3.)

For our light affliction, which is but for
a moment, worketh for us a far more exceed-
ing and eternal weight of glory; while we
look not at the things which are seen, but
at the things which are not seen (2 Cor. 4:
17-18.)

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten:
be zealous therefore, and repent. (Rev. 3:
19.)

verses

Beloved, "It is well!"
God's ways are always right;
And perfect love is o'er them all,
Though far above our sight.

Beloved, "It is well!"
Though deep and sore the smart,
The hand that wounds knows how to bind
And heal the broken heart.

Beloved, "It is well!"
Though sorrow clouds our way,
'Twill only make the joy more dear
That ushers in the day.

Beloved, "It is well!"
The path that Jesus trod,
Though rough and straight and dark it be,
Leads home to heav'n and God.

Prayer

Almighty God, merciful Father, thou tenderly carest for us in our need and sorrow. Through thy great wisdom and love all our afflictions work for us eternal blessing and glory. Graciously help us to put our trust in thee, O God. However dark the way and heavy the burden, may we never cease to love thee. May the night of our sorrow turn into a day of gladness.—We pray for our afflicted *brother (sister)*. Be merciful unto *him (her)*. Strengthen and comfort *him (her)* by thy Holy Spirit in faith and patience, that *his (her)* sickness may be to thy glory and the salvation of *his (her)* soul; through Jesus Christ, the heavenly Physician, our Saviour and Lord. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Necessity of Repentance****Lessons**

Psalms 6, 31, 38, 51, 102, 130, 139, 143; Jer. 30: 12-15, 17; Lam. 3: 37-44, 55-58; Ezek. 18: 19-24; Dan. 9: 4-19; Luke 13: 1-9; Rev. 2: 1-17; 3: 1-6.

Sentences

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near. Let the

wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isa. 55: 6-7.)

Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you. (Isa. 59: 2.)

We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (Isa. 64: 6, 9.)

Know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts. (Jer. 2: 19.)

Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord, and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God. (Jer. 3: 12-13.)

O Lord, our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. (Jer. 14: 7.)

Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. (Ezek. 33: 11.)

Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. (Joel 2: 12-13.)

Herses

I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load.

I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases,
He all my sorrows shares.

O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and thou alone!

Prayer

O Lord God, dear heavenly Father; through Christ, thy Son, thou hast bestowed on me thy grace, and in thy Word and through thy Sacraments thou hast assured me that, though the mountains should depart and the hills be removed, thy kindness shall not depart from me, and the covenant of thy peace shall not be removed. O most faithful Father, I did often forget thee and neglect thy covenant; yet thou didst never forget me, but graciously didst receive me anew. I pray thee, have mercy on me now. Comfort my heart with the assurance that in sickness and distress I am still thy dear child. Grant me Christian steadfastness, that I may bear my burden and await thy help. Thou art Life, Light and Love. Let this be my comfort in life and death. I ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen.



The Assurance of Salvation

Lessons

Psalms 25, 40, 77; Matt. 9: 1-8; Luke 7: 36-50; 15: 1-10, 11-32; John, chapters 14, 15, 16, 17; Rom. 3: 23-28; 10: 9-13.

Sentences

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me, for I have redeemed thee. (Isa. 44: 22.)

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isa. 53: 4-6.)

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. (Isa. 54: 7-8.)

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell with him also that is of a contrite and

humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth. (Isa. 57: 15-16.)

The just shall live by his faith. (Hab. 2: 4.)

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matt. 11: 28-30.)

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1: 29.)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3: 16.)

Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. (John 6: 35, 37, 40, 47.)

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. (John 8: 12-51.)

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. (John 17: 3.)

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4: 12.)

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. (Rom. 5: 8-20.)

We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2 Cor. 5: 20-21.)

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to **save** sinners. (1 Tim. 1: 15.)

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1: 7.)

In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4: 9-10.)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Rev. 3: 20.)

Hersey

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My jewels are, my glorious dress;
In these before my God I'll stand
When I shall enter heaven's land.

I, a sinner, come to thee,
And acknowledge my transgression;
Tender mercy show to me,
Grant me graciously remission;
Let these words my soul relieve:
"Jesus sinners doth receive!"

Now my conscience is at ease,
Now I fear no condemnation.
He who grants me full release
Hath atoned for my transgression;
In true faith to him I cleave—
"Jesus sinners doth receive!"

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, thou thyself hast said, Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. We therefore come to thee in our supplications for our afflicted *brother (sister)*. O Lord Jesus, have mercy upon *him (her)*, for thou art the Lamb of God who hast borne and takest away the sin of the whole world. Let thy sufferings, cross and death assure *him (her)* that where sin hath abounded grace may much more abound. Visit *him (her)*, O Lord, with thy salvation. Deliver *him (her)* in thy good appointed time from *his (her)* bodily pain. Grant healing and strength. Save *his (her)* soul. O Lord, we put our trust in thee and wait for thee. Forsake us not, but deliver us from all evil. We ask it in the name of Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Faith and Trust in Divine Help

Lessons

Psalms: 13, 23, 27, 34, 42, 71, 91, 121; Luke 11: 1-13; 18: 1-8; Rom. 5: 1-5; 8: 18-27; Rom. 8: 28-39; 14: 7-9; 2 Cor. 1: 3-7; 4: 7-18; Jas. 5: 7-11.

Sentences

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. (Psa. 37: 5.)

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. (Psa. 50: 15.)

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. (Isa. 40: 29-31.)

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. (Isa. 41: 10.)

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench. (Isa. 42: 3.)

Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the water, I will

be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. (Isa. 43: 1-3.)

The Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands. (Isa. 49: 13-16.)

He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved (Matt. 24: 13); rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer. (Rom. 12: 12.)

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (Heb. 10: 36.)

Herses

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest:
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
Thy head upon my breast!"
I came to Jesus, as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy days be bright!"
I looked to Jesus and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk,
Till trav'ling days are done.

Prayer

O most faithful God, I flee unto thee. I have none besides thee to whom I might turn in my distress. Thou knowest my tribulations, and thy fatherly heart has pity on me. It might appear as though now thou hadst hidden thy face from me, and thy mercy might seem to have an end. I confess that I fully deserve thy chastisement and am not worthy of thy help. Yet I am thy child, saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. Oh, therefore, for Christ's sake, have mercy on me and help me. Strengthen me through thy Spirit, that patiently I may await the hour when it shall please thee to deliver me

from my distress either for the present life or for the life to come, according to thy will. Graciously hear me for Jesus' sake. Amen.



Preparation for Death

Lessons

Job 14: 1, 2; Psalms 39: 4, 5, 12, 13; 40: 11-17; Isa. 40: 6-8; 2 Cor. 5: 1-10; Phil. 1: 21-30; Rev. 7: 9-18.

Sentences

We are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. (1 Chron. 29: 15.)

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. (Matt. 24: 42.)

Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. (2 Tim. 1: 10.)

There remaineth a rest for the people of God. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest. (Heb. 4: 9, 11.)

I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteous-

ness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day. (2 Tim. 4: 6-8.)

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. (Acts 7: 59.)

Herses

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
Oh, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee:

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

When hence I must betake me,
Lord, do not thou depart!
Oh, nevermore forsake me
When death is at my heart!

When soul and body languish,
Oh, leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of thine own!

Prayer

Almighty and merciful God and Father!
My life draws to a close. Thou art calling
me from this earth. Thy will be done. I
place myself in thy hands and rest in thine
eternal love. Graciously didst thou lead me
hitherto. Oh, mercifully conduct me to the
heavenly mansions of peace and life eternal.
Count not my sins against me; let grace pre-
vail over justice. Grant me pardon and the
crown of life for Jesus' sake. Come, heav-
enly Father; come, Divine Redeemer; come,
Holy Spirit! I am thine! Into thy hands I
commend my spirit. Amen.

When the soul is about to depart, the minister
may lay his hand on the head of the dying believer
and say:

Depart in peace, thou ransomed soul, in
the name of God the Father Almighty, who
created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ,
the Son of the living God, who redeemed
thee; in the name of the Holy Spirit who
sanctified thee. Amen.



The Hope of Eternal Life

Lessons: Rev. 3: 7-13; 7: 13-17; 21: 1-7; 22: 1-5.

Sentences

The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isa. 35: 10.)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (John 10: 27-28.)

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. (John 11: 25-26.)

I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day. The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom. (2 Tim. 4: 6-8, 18.)

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. (Heb. 13: 8.)

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Rev. 2: 10.)

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. (Rev. 14: 13.)

Prayer

Almighty and gracious God, thou who upholdest our life in the midst of death: We beseech thee to look mercifully upon this sick one, to strengthen *him (her)* in body and soul, and in thy mercy to forgive *him (her)* all sin. Accept the offering of the innocent death of Jesus Christ thy dear Son as the ransom for *his (her)* transgression. Make *him (her)* conscious of thy fatherly love. Deliver *him (her)* also from *his (her)* bodily distress and pain; shorten *his (her)* sufferings; uphold *him (her)* against the accusations of conscience, and against all temptations of the evil one; to the end that *he (she)* may overcome in the good fight of faith. In the last hour grant *him (her)* a

blessed departure to life eternal, and send thy holy angels to bear *him (her)* to the mansions of the blest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thanksgiving and Praise for Recovery

Lessons

Psalm 34: 6-7; 103: 1-14; Isa. 38: 9-20; John 5: 1-14; Acts 3: 1-9.

Sentences

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High. (Psa. 50:14.)

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them. (Psa. 145: 18, 19.)

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. (Neh. 1: 7.)

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. (Isa. 40:29, 31.)

Herses

Now thank we all our God
With heart, and hand and voices,
Who wondrous deeds hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

I will ever sing thy praises,
Mighty God and gracious King;
Loud my heart its tribute raises,
And to thee my psalms I sing;
Thou art King of all creation,
Ev'ry land and ev'ry nation;
"Thousand, thousand thanks to thee,
Mighty God," my song shall be!

Prayer

Great and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave and bringest up again, we bless thy wonderful goodness for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother (sister)* to (some degree of) his former health. Blessed be thy name that thou didst not forsake *him (her)* in *his (her)* sickness, but didst visit *him (her)* with comforts from above; didst support *him (her)* in patience and submission to thy will; and at last didst send him seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy

toward *him (her)*, and prosper the means which shall be used for *his (her)* cure, that being restored to health of body, vigor of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he (she)* may be able to go to thine house to bring thee an offering with great gladness, and to bless thy holy name for all thy goodness towards *him (her)*; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.



At the Sickbed of Children

Lessons

Psa. 23; 25: 1-7; 121; Mark 10: 13-15; Titus 3: 4-7.

Sentences

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. (Eccl. 12: 1.)

Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. (Isa. 43: 1.)

In heaven their angels do always behold

the face of my Father which is in heaven.
(Matt. 18: 10.)

Like as a father pitieth his children, so
the Lord pitieth them that fear him. (Psa.
103: 13.)

Ye know that ye were not redeemed with
corruptible things, as silver and gold, but
with the precious blood of Christ, as of a
Lamb without blemish and without spot.
(1 Peter 1: 18, 19.)

He that believeth and is baptized shall
be saved. (Mark 16: 16.)

For none of us liveth to himself, and no
man dieth to himself. For whether we live,
we live unto the Lord; and whether we die,
we die unto the Lord: whether we live, there-
fore, or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom. 14:
7, 8.)

Herses

Jesus, from thy throne on high,
Far above the bright blue sky,
Look on us with loving eye;
Hear us, Holy Jesus!

Make us brave, without a fear,
Make us happy, full of cheer,
Sure that thou art always near;
Hear us, Holy Jesus!

Tender Jesus, meek and mild,
Look on me, thy loving child;
Help me, if it is thy will,
To recover from all ill. Amen.

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care,
In thy pleasant pastures feed us;
For our use thy folds prepare.

Early let us seek thy favor;
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
With thy love our bosoms fill.

Prayers

O Lord Jesus Christ, who camest into this world as a little child, in want and suffering, look mercifully, we beseech thee, upon this sick child. Sustain *him (her)* in the trial through which *he (she)* is now passing, and sanctify it to *his (her)* good. Deliver *him (her)* from suffering, and, if in accordance with thy holy will, restore *him (her)* to health and strength, that *he (she)* may joyfully serve thee in thy kingdom, to the honor of thy name. Hear us for thy mercy's sake. Amen.



Lord Jesus, thou faithful and merciful Saviour, be merciful to us and to this child in its sickness! Thou didst heal the noble-

man's son when his father besought thee: thou didst restore to life again the little daughter of Jairus: we thus know that thou canst mercifully also deliver our child, if it be thy will. We therefore turn to thee and plead thy mercy and help. O thou good Shepherd, look in mercy upon this suffering lamb of thine! Thou friend of children, who lovest the little ones, and hast promised them the blessed inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, have mercy upon our child and bless it according to thy grace! It is thine own; in holy baptism thou didst accept it, and didst make it a member of thy Church. Draw not back thy hand from that which is thine own. Lord, our Saviour, we would be grateful if we could keep this child. If it be well for it and for us that it should live, then grant it to us anew with strength and health, and we will praise thee for thy goodness and grace. If it is thy will, however, to call thy child out of this evil and sinful world to eternal peace and to the company of the elect, then let thy will be done. We will not shun the cross that thou deemest well to lay upon us. Only give grace that we may bear the burden without complaint. Strengthen our

faith and grant us a quiet spirit, that we may accept whatever thy hand offers. Lord, be merciful to us! We commit our child to thy love and into thy hands, where it will be safe for time and eternity. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks because thou hast delivered from *his (her)* bodily sickness this child. We bless and praise thy name for *his (her)* recovery. Grant, we beseech thee, O gracious Father, that *he (she)*, through thy help, may both faithfully live in this world according to thy will, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



CHAPTER SIX

The Order for the Burial of the Dead

Funeral Etiquette

1. *Before the Funeral*

The pastor should make it his duty to call, as soon as possible, on the bereaved family and offer words of Christian sympathy and consolation.

Inasmuch as some knowledge of the life of the deceased is essential, the pastor should consult with some member of the family to learn something of the personal history, character, church relationship, and circumstances of the last illness and of the death of the departed. Ignorance of these things may lead to serious embarrassment in the pastor's prayers and remarks.

The pastor should be at the funeral house or chapel ahead of the time appointed for the service. He should, if convenient, see the bereaved before the service begins.

The program of the service should be arranged in every detail. If there are singers, the pastor should know the number and character of their selections.

Let the pastor remember that he has control of the religious part of the service. The undertaker has charge of all other matters.

2. *At the Services*

The funeral service should begin on time.

If the service is conducted in the church, it is usually preceded by a brief service at the house. This house service may consist of Scripture reading,

prayer and benediction. Where possible, the minister should precede the casket into the church. While passing down the aisle of the church, he may read aloud brief Scripture passages, the organ playing a solemn march softly.

The following Order of Service is usually observed, but may be varied to suit the ideas of the officiating minister:

1. Hymn or Vocal Selection.
2. Scripture Reading.
3. Prayer.
4. Hymn or Vocal Selection.
5. Sermon or Address.
6. Hymn or Vocal Selection.
7. Announcements.
8. Benediction.

Let the manner of the pastor be sympathetic, subdued and tender, not lacking in dignity and solemnity, naturalness and earnestness.

The true object of the funeral address is not so much to eulogize the dead, as to instruct, comfort and benefit the living. The pastor should show forth the overruling providence of God and bring hope and strength to the bereaved hearts. Remarks concerning the life of the deceased should be made with great caution, especially in case of strangers. It may be proper to speak of the vices of the deceased, when these have resulted in ruin; but only in the way of charity and kindness, if at all.

3. *At the Cemetery*

The minister should precede the coffin to the place of interment. Standing at the head of the grave, he should read the Service for the Burial of the Dead. If lodges desire to participate, the minister should arrange with the respective officials as to the order of service. It should be immaterial to the minister, whether he opens or closes the service.

At the conclusion of the service the minister should speak a parting word of personal sympathy

to the members of the bereaved family before leaving the cemetery.

NOTE.—A minister should make no charges for his services, other than for his personal expenses; but where a fee is tendered there is no impropriety in accepting it as a gift of appreciation, provided the family is in comfortable circumstances.



Opening Sentences

In the name of God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.



Scripture Lessons for Funeral Services

GENERAL OCCASIONS

Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: he guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they

comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



John 5: 24-29.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself: and he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.



1 Corinthians 15: 35-44.

But some one will say, How are the dead raised? and with what manner of body do they come? Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind; but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fishes. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

John: 14: 1-3; 15-20; 25-27.

Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you. Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also. In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. These things have I spoken unto you, while yet abiding with you. But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. Peace I

leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.



Revelation 7: 9-17.

After these things I saw, and beheld, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? And I say unto him, My Lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed

their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.



Revelations 21: 3-5.

And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS**1. AT THE BURIAL OF A CHILD**

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom. (Isa. 40: 11.)

In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. (Matt. 18: 1-5.)

See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. (Matt. 18: 10, 14.)

And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus

saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. (Mark 10: 13-16.)

Thus saith the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are not. Thus saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope for thy latter end, said the Lord; and thy children shall come again to their own border. (Jer. 31: 15-17.)

And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. (Zech. 8: 5.)

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. (Job 1: 21.)

2. AT THE BURIAL OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; before the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, are darkened, and the clouds return after the rain; in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows shall be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; yea, they shall be afraid of that which is high, and terrors shall be in the way; and the almond-tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his everlasting home, and the mourners go about the streets: before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returneth to the earth as

it was, and the spirit returneth unto God who gave it. (Ecc. 12: 1-7.)

This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. (Ecc. 12: 13.)

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness.

He will not always chide;
Neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his lovingkindness toward them
that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions
from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.

(Psa. 103: 8-14.)

As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;

And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting upon them that
fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's chil-
dren;
To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his precepts to
do them. (Psa. 103: 15-18.)

And it came to pass soon afterwards,
that he went to a city called Nain; and his
disciples went with him, and a great multi-
tude. Now when he drew near to the gate
of the city, behold, there was carried out one
that was dead, the only son of his mother,
and she was a widow: and much people of
the city was with her. And when the Lord
saw her he had compassion on her, and said
unto her, Weep not. And he came nigh and
touched the bier: and the bearers stood still.
And he said, Young man, I say unto thee,
Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and
began to speak. And he gave him to his
mother. (Luke 7: 11-15.)

While he spake these things unto them,
behold, there came a ruler, and worshipped
him, saying, My daughter is even now dead:

but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd making a tumult, he said, Give place: for the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the crowd was put forth, he entered in, and took her by the hand; and the damsel arose. (Matt. 9: 18, 19, 23-25.)



3. AT THE BURIAL OF A MIDDLE-AGED PERSON

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (John 14: 1-3.)

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. (Rev. 14: 13.)

And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more; the first things are passed away. And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true. And he said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit these things. (Rev. 21: 3-7.)

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These which are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore

are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. (Rev. 7: 13-17.)

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. (Rev. 22: 4-5.)



4. AT THE BURIAL OF AN AGED PERSON

And Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. (Gen. 25: 8.)

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,
Like as a shock of grain cometh in in its
season. (Job 5: 26.)

Even to old age I am he, and even to grey hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; yea, I will carry, and will deliver. (Isa. 46: 4.)

Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold a land that reacheth afar. (Isa. 33: 17.)

Thus saith the Lord of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand for very age. (Zach. 8: 4.)

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever. (Isa. 32: 17.)

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
In all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and
the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou
art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight,
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood;
they are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which
groweth up.

In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
For we are consumed in thine anger,
And in thy wrath are we troubled.
Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,
Our secret sins in the light of thy counte-
nance.

For all our days are passed away in thy
wrath:

We bring our years to an end as a sigh.
The days of our years are threescore years
and ten,
Or even by reason of strength fourscore
years;

Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away.
Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
And thy wrath according to the fear that is
due unto thee?

So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us a heart of wisdom.
Return, O Lord; how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy ser-
vants.

O satisfy us in the morning with thy loving-kindness,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad according to the days wherein
thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory upon their children.
And let the favor of the Lord our God be
upon us;
And establish thou the work of our hands
upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.
(Psalm 90.)



5. AT THE BURIAL OF A PERSON
WHO DIED SUDDENLY

Behold, thou hast made my days as handbreadths; and my lifetime is as nothing before thee: surely every man at his best estate is altogether vanity. (Psa. 39:5.)

For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding. (1 Chron. 29:15.)

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are

like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. (Psa. 90: 5, 6.)

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. (Prov. 27: 1.)

Come now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (James 4: 13, 14.)

There is but a step between me and death. (1 Sam. 20: 3.)

Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (Eph. 5: 15, 16.)

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; let me know how frail I am. (Psa. 39: 4.)

So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom. (Psa. 90: 12.)

There shall be a resurrection both of the just and unjust. (Acts 24: 15.)

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Cor. 15:53, 54.)



Opening Prayers for Funeral Services

1. AT THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

O most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the shadow of thy sore judgment we come to thee as our only Helper. Thou art the Lord, and beside thee there is none else. Behold us, we pray thee, with a father's compassion, as we now lift up our hearts unto thee. Thou art our only refuge and strength. All earthly comforts do but wither and fade away. Thou givest for a little time, and then takest again. The flower is cut down in the tender bud, and death spareth not even the innocence of childhood. O Lord, let not our faith in thy righteous goodness be shaken by the mystery of thy ways. With all our trials, help us still to put our trust in thee. Send forth the consolation of thy Word especially into the

hearts of all who mourn the early death of this child. Give to the afflicted parents a meek submission to thy fatherly chastening. Help them to realize that the flower which has faded here still blooms immortal in heaven. Grant, that with peaceful confidence they may lean upon thy promises, and that they may not sorrow beyond what is meet and right. May this affliction draw them into still closer communion with thee, and grant unto them a glorious immortality. And at last, grant unto all these little ones whom thou hast called, and to all thy redeemed, the everlasting portion and rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Or:

O thou eternal God, we acknowledge thee as the Author and Lord of all life. Thou takest away and who can hinder thee, or say, What doest thou? We know that thou art too wise to make mistakes, and too good to be unkind. Thou knowest the sorrow and anguish which the removal of this dear child has caused unto these parents. Therefore, we beseech thee, to speak unto their hearts words of solace and hope, and to recall to

their minds the words: What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter. Give them the comforting assurance, that this child is not lost, but removed to thine eternal and glorious home, which is also our goal, and where we shall meet again those whom we have loved and lost awhile. Do thou calm the troubled souls of these mourners, give to them the grace of submission to thy will and wisdom, and an increasing devotion to thee and thy service. Help us all, who are assembled here, to become as little children in faith, obedience and love to thee. May we receive joy or affliction as coming from thee to prepare and win us for thy kingdom. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.



2. AT THE BURIAL OF ONE WHO DIED IN MATURE LIFE

Almighty and most merciful God, in whose hands are all the children of men. Thou art the sovereign Ruler over all, and we acknowledge our dependence upon thee. Have mercy upon us, O Lord God, and let us now find favor in thy sight. Help us, we beseech thee, to attend to the solemn lesson of this mournful occasion. Remind us anew,

that it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment. Teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom. Spare us yet a little that we may recover strength, before we go hence and be seen no more. Give us grace to live and labor for thy Son, Jesus Christ, that when he, who is our life, shall be manifested, we also may be manifested with him in glory.

Lord, thou art our only refuge in times of trouble. To thy fatherly goodness do we commend those, whom thou hast afflicted. Let the pains of their bereavement be softened by the hopeful assurance of thy Holy Word. Cause the fruits of this their chastening to be righteousness and peace. Let the removal of their beloved and cherished one serve to direct their affections heavenward, that they may seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth. Remember to them thy gracious covenant of old, and let not thy mercy depart from them. Help them to understand that all things work together for good to them that love thee. May they not sorrow as those who have no hope, but have a far more exceeding weight of glory for all their sufferings upon earth.

These blessings, and all others which may be needful for us, and for all, we humbly ask in the name and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy Word, which is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. We thank thee especially that in the night of our grief and in the darkness of our sorrow we are not left to ourselves, but have the stars of thy divine promises to cheer and comfort us. O Lord, open thou our eyes, that we may see that which thou hast intended for our consolation. Grant, that thy gracious purpose in this affliction may not be hidden from these sorrowing friends. May they realize, that by this dispensation of thy providence thou dost invite them to thyself. Convince them of thy goodness and enable them to realize that: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Give us faith to know that thou art our light and our salvation. Deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may be free from the fear of death. Inspire us to faithfulness in that which thou hast given us to do, so

that when thou callest us to give account, we may be ready and prepared to meet thee. Whether we live, may we live unto the Lord, or whether we die, may we die unto the Lord. Unite us with Christ Jesus, and comfort and strengthen us through the Holy Spirit, that whether living or dying, we may be the Lord's. Amen. ✠

3. AT THE BURIAL OF AN AGED PERSON

O Lord God of our fathers, we bless thee for the holy triumph of thy saints in every age and among all people. We thank thee for all that thou hast done for this aged pilgrim. Thou hast satisfied *him (her)* with long life, thou hast shown *him (her)* thy salvation. Thy grace has been sufficient for *him (her)*, and we thank thee that *he (she)* now comes to *his (her)* grave in a full age, like as a shock of grain cometh in in its season. We thank thee for all that *his (her)* life has been to the bereaved ones. And as their hearts are now filled with sorrow at the thought of separation, graciously comfort them with the assurance of thine undying love. Mercifully direct their thoughts and affections heavenward, to thy house with its

many mansions. Grant that the memory of the departed be a blessed inspiration to a holy, godly life. Sanctify unto us all our afflictions. Help us to realize more and more that we are not of the world, but strangers and sojourners before thee, O God, and that while we live in this world, our citizenship is in heaven. And when all suffering is ended and all trials are over, may we gladly follow thy summons to the eternal home. Help us to rejoice that there we shall put off the robe of mortality soiled by the struggles and temptations of this life, and that there we shall put on, by thy grace, the robe of righteousness. As heirs of thine eternal kingdom above, may we rejoice and be triumphant, because thou, O God, didst give us the victory over sin and death, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



4. AT THE BURIAL OF ONE WHO DIED SUDDENLY

O Lord God, in this hour of grief we are made to realize that there is but a step between us and death. We are impressed with the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. Our life is as a vapor that appear-

eth for a little time, and then vanishes away. Thou knowest, O Lord, the great and heart-rending sorrow that this sudden departure of our *brother (sister)* has brought to *his (her)* beloved ones. In their behalf we come unto thy throne of grace, that they may receive mercy and may find comfort and help in this time of need. Oh wilt thou graciously assure them, that thou dost not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men. Teach us to know that thy thoughts are higher than our thoughts and thy ways higher than our ways. May the bereaved not sorrow as those who have no hope, but willingly resign themselves into thy hands who bringest life out of death and who turnest grief into eternal joy. Bless unto us all the lesson of this mournful occasion, and since we know not what a day may bring forth, teach us not to trust the uncertain future, but while we live consider the things which belong unto our peace. May it be our chief concern to gain Christ and be found in him, knowing that there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, in whom we have everlasting life. Help us to cling by faith to him who is the light of our countenance, so that

even though death overcome us, we may be assured, that God giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. And to thy great name shall be the praise now and for ever. Amen.



5. AT THE BURIAL OF ONE WHO DIED
AFTER LONG SUFFERING

Eternal God, heavenly Father, as we review the life of *him (her)* whose earthly career has come to a close, we are constrained to confess: Now we see in a mirror darkly. Considering the great tribulation which *he (she)* has endured, the long affliction through which *he (she)* has passed, we cannot but say: Thy ways, O Lord, are past finding out. But while now we see only darkly and imperfectly, we are sustained by our faith in the promise, Then shall we see thee face to face; then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. We rejoice to think of the place where all darkness is dispelled and heavenly light and beauty has become our portion. We trust that our *brother (sister)* has passed through the dark valley and come to understand God's mysteries. May *he (she)* look back upon the

path of discipline, through *which he (she)* has been divinely led, and now exclaim: The Lord God hath done all things well. Strengthen in us the hope in thee, the living God, our loving Father, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour. Help us, our Father, to look not on the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. Teach us, O Lord Jesus, to pray with humble submission and steadfast faith: Not my will, but thine, be done. Give unto us the spirit of triumph in all the perplexities of life. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory upon their children, now and for evermore. Amen.



Forms of Committals

1. GENERAL OCCASIONS

It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. For this corruptible must put on incorrup-

tion, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since it has pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the soul of our dear *brother* (*sister, this dear child*), we now commit *his* (*her, its*) body to the ground,

Earth to earth,
Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,

in the certain hope of the resurrection unto eternal life when Christ shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.

May God the Father, who has created this body;

May God the Son, who by his blood has redeemed this body together with the soul;
May God the Holy Spirit, who by baptism has sanctified this body to be his temple,
Keep these remains unto the day of the resurrection. Amen.



2. AT THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

Our dear Redeemer saith, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God.

He will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom. They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them will lead them, even by springs of water will he guide them.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to remove the spirit of this little child to his bosom, we commit its precious tenement of clay to the ground,

Earth to earth,
Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,

in the joyful hope of the general resurrection at the last day, and a blissful immortality in the paradise of God. Amen.



3. FOR A YOUNG PERSON

With sorrowing hearts we have gathered here to lay all that is mortal of our young friend in the silent cemetery of the dead; but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we believe in him who said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." We therefore commit this body to the ground,

Earth to earth,

Ashes to ashes,

Dust to dust,

in the hope of a resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord unto everlasting life. Amen.



4. FOR A MIDDLE-AGED PERSON

Man, that is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for help, but of thee, O God, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour: deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, and suffer us not, at the last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

And now we commit the mortal remains of this our friend and *brother (sister)* to the earth whence it came,

Earth to earth,

Ashes to ashes,

Dust to dust,

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, commending the immortal soul into the hands of him who is able to redeem and mighty to save. Amen.



5. FOR AN AGED PERSON

O Holy God, thou wilt bring me to death and to the house appointed for all living. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in

the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our departed *brother (sister)* we therefore commit *his (her)* body to the ground,

Earth to earth,
Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,

in the hope of a blessed and glorious resurrection unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



6. IF THE DEAD BE NOT KNOWN AS A BELIEVER

We commit the body to its kindred elements,—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The spirit we leave with God. This is the end of all the living. May the living lay it to heart. As there is no mark, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither we go, and as we know that God will bring us to death—to the house appointed for all living—let us here renewedly consecrate ourselves to do with our might

what our hands find to do. And may our trust be in him who said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." Amen.

Or:

It is written, "Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." And we know that sooner or later we too must go the way of all the earth. But we believe in One who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we therefore commit this body to the ground,—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: trusting to find in Christ our comfort in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting.

And to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, shall be praise evermore. Amen!



7. FOR BURIAL IN A VAULT OR TOMB

In case of a burial in a vault or tomb, the minister may substitute for "ground" the words, "we commit *his (her, its)* body

to this receptacle prepared for the dead,—
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,”
etc.



8. FOR CREMATION

Where the body is to be cremated the minister shall say:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our *brother (sister)*, we therefore commit *his (her)* body to the consuming elements, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, looking to the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort who is able to comfort us in our affliction through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



9. FOR THE BURIAL OF A SOLDIER

Taps have been sounded for another soldier. He has fought his last battle. Wearied, he has laid himself down to rest and to await the reveille of resurrection morning. May the great Captain of our salvation grant unto his soul the gracious reward of life, peace and glory in Heaven.

In that blessed hope we now commit his body to the ground, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," etc.



10. FOR A BURIAL AT SEA

Instead of saying, "earth to earth, etc.," the minister shall say: We commit *his* (*her, its*) body to the deep, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, looking for the time when the sea shall give up her dead through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



NOTE.—The officiating minister should be careful in the use of the phrase: "Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God."—Not all deaths are pleasing unto God. In doubtful cases the minister may use, for example, the following, or a similar phrase:

"Forasmuch as this *brother* (*sister, child*) has departed this life, we now commit the body to the ground,—

Earth to earth,
Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,

looking to our heavenly Father who is able to comfort us in our affliction, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Closing Prayers at the Grave

We thank thee, O Lord, that thou art the resurrection and the life. We praise thee that thou hast been declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection of the dead. We rejoice in the blessed hope born of thy resurrection victory. May it be our stay and comfort, as we stand by this fresh-made grave where we have laid our beloved dead. Henceforth living godly and obedient lives, may thy grace enable us to die the death of the righteous. And when the earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, let us have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.



Almighty God, who by the death of thy dear Son Jesus Christ hast destroyed death, by his rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of the saints; and by his glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light; receive, we beseech thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave which he has obtained for us and for all who sleep in him; and keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait

for thee on earth, and with all that are around thee in heaven; in union with him who is the resurrection and the life; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.



Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in thy perfect wisdom and mercy, hast ended for thy departed servant the voyage of this troublous life; grant, we beseech thee, that we who are still to continue our course amid earthly dangers, temptations, and troubles, may evermore be protected by thy mercy; and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Gracious Lord and Saviour, abide in thy comfort and strength with these bereaved hearts as they return to their saddened homes. Mercifully help them to look heavenward to that eternal home where death shall be no more, and where the souls of the redeemed are happy in blessed union with thee. We commit anew all that we have and are to thee. Lead us safely to the Father's

house and its many mansions. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.



Benedictions

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting. Amen.

Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.



**Suggested Texts for Peculiar or
Extraordinary Occasions**

**1. CASES OF LONG SICKNESS, PAIN
AND WEARINESS**

O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. (Jonah 4: 3.)

There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest. (Job 3: 17.)

And the inhabitants shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. (Isa. 33: 24.)

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matt. 11: 28.)

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared

with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. (Rom. 8: 18.)

These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Rev. 7: 14.)

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore. (Rev. 7: 16.)

And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. (Rev. 7: 17.)

That they may rest from their labors. (Rev. 14: 13.)

And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore. (Rev. 21: 4.)



2. SUDDEN DEATH

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isa. 55: 8, 9.)

O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord. (Jer. 22: 29.)

Truly, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death. (1 Sam. 20: 3.)

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. (Prov. 27: 1.)

Watch therefore; for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh. (Matt. 24: 42.)

Be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh. (Matt. 24: 44.)

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. Mark 13: 37.

So then let us not sleep, as do the rest; but let us watch and be sober. (1 Thess. 5: 6.)



3. DEATH BY CASUALTY

Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? (Luke 13: 4.)

So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said. (Lev. 10: 5.)

Thou knowest not what a day may bring

forth. For man also knoweth not his time.
(Prov. 27: 1.)

And behold at eveningtide trouble, and
before the morning he is not. (Isa. 17: 14.)



4. DEATH IN THE PRIME OF LIFE

One dieth in his full strength. (Job 21: 33.)

Her sun is gone down while it was yet
day. (Jer. 15: 9.)

All ye that are round about him, bemoan
him; and all ye that know his name; say,
How is the strong staff broken, the beautiful
rod! (Jer. 48: 17.)

I will cause the sun to go down at noon.
(Amos 8: 9.)



5. FOR A TIME OF PESTILENCE

The young and the old lie on the ground
in the streets: my virgins and my young
men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain
them in the day of thine anger; thou hast
killed, and not pitied. (Lam. 11: 21.)

Lord, make me to know mine end, and
the measure of my days, what it is; that
I may know how frail I am. (Psa. 39: 4.)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psa. 46: 1.)

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord. (Psa. 106: 43.)



6. SUICIDE

Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. (John 11: 32.)

Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul; which long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than hid treasures; which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave? (Job 3: 20-22.)

So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life. I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity. (Job 7: 15, 16.)

My soul is weary of my life. (Job 10:1.)



Poetical Selections for Funeral Services**1. FUNERAL OF A CHILD**

There is no flock, however watched and
tended,

But one dead lamb is there:

There is no fireside, howsoe'er defended,

But has one vacant chair.

The air is full of farewells for the dying

And mournings for the dead,

The heart of Rachel, for her children crying,

Will not be comforted.—Longfellow.

There is a reaper whose name is death,

And with his sickle keen,

He reaps the bearded grain at a breath

And the flowers which grew between:

Shall I have nought that is fair? saith he;

Have nought but the bearded grain?

Though the breath of these flowers is sweet
to me,

I will give them all back again.

He gazed at the flowers with tearful eyes,

He kissed their drooping leaves—

It was for the Lord of Paradise

He bound **them** into sheaves.

My Lord hath need of these flowers gay,
The reaper said, and smiled;
Dear token of the earth are they,
Where he was once a child.

They all shall bloom in fields of light,
Transplanted by my care:
And saints upon their garments white
These sacred blossoms wear.
And the mother gave in tears and pain
The flowers she most did love;
She knew she would find them all again
In fields of light above.

O, not in cruelty, not in wrath,
The reaper came that day;
'Twas an angel visited this green earth
And took the flowers away.

—Longfellow.

Wherefore should I make my moan
Now the darling child is dead?
He to rest is early gone,
He to Paradise is fled.
I shall go to him, but he
Never shall return to me.

God forbids his longer stay,
God recalls his precious loan.
He hath taken him away

From my bosom to his own.
Surely what he wills is best;
Happy in his will I rest.

Faith cries out, "It is the Lord,"
Let Him do what seems him good.
Be thy holy name adored.
Take the gift a while bestowed.
Take the child no longer mine;
Thine he is, forever thine.

—Charles Wesley.

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown
They shine for evermore.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate;
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.—Lord Lytton.

Too thick in every graveyard
The little hillocks lie,

But every hillock represents
An angel in the sky.

How brief the stay, as beautiful as fleeting,
The time that baby came with us to dwell;
Just long enough to give a happy greeting,
Just long enough to bid us all farewell!

Death travels down the thickly settled high-
way,

At shining marks they say he loves to aim;
How did he find, far down our lonely by-way,
Our little one who died without a name?

—Alonzo Rice.



2. FUNERAL OF A YOUNG PERSON

Leaves have their time to fall
And flowers to wither at the north wind's
breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O
Death! —Mrs. Hemans.

Our times are in his hand
Who saith, A whole I planned—
Youth shows but half; trust God; see all,
Nor be afraid.

How beautiful is youth! how bright it gleams
With illusions, aspirations, and dreams!
Book of beginnings, story without end,
Each maid heroine, and each man a friend!
—Longfellow.

There is a land where beauty can not fade,
Nor sorrow dim the eye;
Where true love shall not droop nor be dis-
mayed,
And none shall ever die. —Mary Howitt.



3. FUNERAL OF A PERSON IN MIDDLE LIFE

O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying
cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passeth from life to his rest in the
grave.

'Tis the wink of an eye, the draft of a breath
From the blossom of health to the paleness
of death,
From the gilded salon to the bier and the
shroud—
O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
—William Knox.

No time for a last farewell,
No time for the shock of fear,
Scarcely a moment's halt on the shore,
With the guide and the boatman near—
Dear, how surprised you were to go,
With little to suffer, little to know.

Only a moment of dark,
A dream of the fleeting night,
And then the beautiful break of day
And the quiet peace of light;
And you found yourself where you longed to
stand,
In the repose of the fatherland.

—Marianne Farmingham.

I know not what the future hath,
Of marvel or surprise;
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar,
No harm from him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where his islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I can not drift
Beyond his love and care.—Whittier.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er
gave,
Await alike the inevitable hour:
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
—Gray.

Here learn that all the griefs and joys,
Which now torment, which now beguile,
Are children's hurts, are children's toys,
Scarce worthy of one bitter smile;
Here learn that pulpit, throne, and press,
Sword, scepter, lyre, alike are frail;
That science is a blind man's guess,
And history a nurse's tale.
—Macaulay.



4. FUNERAL OF AN AGED PERSON

He liveth long who liveth well!
All other life is short and vain;
He liveth longest who can tell
Of living most for heavenly gain.

He liveth long who liveth well!
All else is being thrown away;
He loveth longest, who can tell
Of true things truly done each day.
—Horatius Bonar.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not
breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on the dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs. He
most lives

Who thinks most, feels noblest, acts the best.

—Philip Bailey.

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul!

As the swift seasons roll;

Leave thy low-vaulted past:

Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more
vast,

Till thou at length are free,

Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's un-
resting sea.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

So when life's sweet journey ends,

Soul and body part like friends—

No quarrels, no murmurs, no delay.

—Joseph Cook.

Servant of God, well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past,

The battle's fought, the race is won,

And thou art crowned at last.

—Lord Byron.

5. RESURRECTION

O, Death was all a nameless dread till
Easter came:
Till he arose from that mysterious sleep;
Till he came back from out the silence deep
And smiling said, "Fear not, it is
Life's deeper name:
For this I came."

And life was but a broken thought till
Easter came:
Till he awoke, the imaged Life of Life,
And wrote Hope's iris on the skies of strife
And hopeless storm of Death, and said,
" 'Tis but a name;
Through it I came."

And Love was but a broken dream till
Easter came:
Till he arose, the imaged Love of Love,
And said, "The truer, deeper is beyond,
above:"
And Love a link of heaven and
Earth became;
And Death a name.
—Cadmus Crabill.

The seed, the insentient seed,
Buried beneath the earth,
Starts from its dusty bed,
Responsive to the voice of spring,
And covers mead and mountain,
Fields and forests, with its life.
Myriads of creatures, too, that lay
As dead as dust in every inch of ground,

Touched by the vernal ray,
Spring from their little graves and sport
On beauteous wings in fields of sunnied air.
Shall this be so? Shall plants and worms
Come forth to life again? And O! shall man
Descend into the grave to rise no more?
Shall he, the Master of the world,
Image and offspring of the fontal life,
Through endless ages sleep in dust?

—Thomas.

I know that my Redeemer lives:
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name;
He lives, my Saviour, still the same.
What joy the blest assurance gives!
I know that my Redeemer lives.

—Samuel Medley.



6. HEAVEN

Tell me, my secret soul,
O, tell me, Hope and Faith,
Is there no resting-place
From sorrow, sin, and death?
Is there no happy spot
Where mortals may be blessed;
Where grief may find a balm,
And weariness a rest?
Faith, Hope, and Love,
Blest boons to mortals given,
Waved their bright wings, and whispered,
“Yes,—in heaven!” —Charles Mackay.

There is a world above
Where parting is unknown;
A whole eternity of love
Form'd for the good alone:
And faith beholds the dying here
Translated to that happier sphere.
—Montgomery.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea;
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the bound-
less deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and
Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar. —Tennyson.

And now from out the glory
In living clouds of light,
The old, familiar faces come
Beaming on his sight:
The early lost, the early loved,
The friends of long ago—
Companions of his pilgrimage
And conflicts here below.

They parted here in weakness,
In suffering, and in gloom;
They meet amid the freshness
Of heaven's immortal boon,
Henceforth in ever-during bliss
To wander hand in hand
Beside the living waters
Of that still and sinless land.

O, who can tell the rapture
Of those to whom 'tis given
Thus to renew the bonds of earth
Amid the bliss of heaven? —Anon.



7. SUBMISSION IN TRIAL

My Jesus, as thou wilt!
Oh! may thy will be mine;
Into thy hand of love
I would my all resign;
Through sorrow or through joy,
Conduct me as thine own,
And help me still to say—
My Lord, thy will be done.

My Jesus, as thou wilt!
All shall be well for me!
Each changing future scene
I gladly trust with thee;

Straight to my home above
I travel calmly on,
And sing, in life or death,—
My Lord, thy will be done.
—Schmolke.

TRUST IN TRIAL

I worship thee, sweet will of God!
And all thy ways adore,
And every day I live I seem
To love thee more and more.

I love to kiss each print where thou
Hast set thine unseen feet;
I cannot fear thee, blessed will!
Thine empire is so sweet.

When obstacles and trials seem
Like prison walls to be,
I do the little I can do,
And leave the rest to thee.
—F. W. Faber.

COMFORT IN TRIAL

Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than he went through before;
He that into God's kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.
—Richard Baxter.

GRATITUDE IN TRIAL

I praise thee while my days go on;
I love thee while my days go on;
Through dark and dearth, through fire and
frost,
With emptied arms and treasure lost,
I thank thee while my days go on.
—Mrs. Browning.



8. LOOKING HEAVENWARD

One sweetly solemn thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er;
I'm nearer to my home today
Than e'er I've been before.
Nearer the bounds of life,
Where burdens are laid down;
Nearer to leave the heavy cross—
Nearer to gain the crown.
But lying darkly between,
Winding down through the night,
There rolls the deep and unknown stream
That leads, at last, to the light.
E'en now, perchance, my feet
Are slipping o'er the brink;
And I today am nearer home,
Nearer now than I think.

Father, perfect my trust!
Strengthen my powers of faith
Nor let me stand at last alone
Upon the shores of death.
—Miss P. Cary.

AT LAST

When on my day of life the night is falling
And in the winds from unsunned spaces
blown,
I hear far voices out of darkness calling
My feet to paths unknown,

Thou hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its walls decay;
O Love Divine, O Helper ever-present,
Be thou my strength and stay!

Be near me when all else is from me drift-
ing;
Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade
and shine,
And kindly faces to my own uplifting
The Love which answers mine.

I have but thee, my Father! let thy spirit
Be with me then to comfort and uphold;
No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit,
Nor street of shining gold.

Suffice it if—my good and ill unreckoned,
And both forgiven through thy abounding
 grace—

I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
Unto my fitting place. —Whittier.



Hymns for Funeral Occasions

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
 Let me to thy bosom fly
While the billows near me roll,
 While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
 Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
 O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
 Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
 Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
 All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
 With the shadow of thy wing!

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name;
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart;
Rise to all eternity!

Rev. Chas. Wesley, 1740.

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour Divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

Rev. Ray Palmer, 1830.



Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling
gloom,

Lead thou me on;

The night is dark, and I am far from home;

Lead thou me on:

Keep thou my feet! I do not ask to see

The distant scene,—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou

Shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now

Lead thou me on,

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,

Pride ruled my will: remember not past
years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still

Will lead me on

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till

The night is gone;

And with the morn those angel-faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost
awhile.

Cardinal J. H. Newman, 1833.

Abide with me, fast falls the even-tide;

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:

When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's
power?

Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with
me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
victory?

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to
the skies:

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee:

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Rev. Hy. F. Lyte, 1847.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on his gentle breast,
There by his love o'ershaded
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Hark, 'tis the voice of angels,
Borne in a song to me,
Over the fields of glory,
Over the jasper sea.

Chorus

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on his gentle breast,
There by his love o'er-shaded
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care,
Safe from the world's temptations,
Sin cannot harm me there.
Free from the blight of sorrow,
Free from my doubts and fears;
Only a few more trials,
Only a few more tears.—Chorus.

Jesus, my heart's dear refuge,
Jesus has died for me;
Firm on the Rock of Ages
Ever my trust shall be.
Here let me wait with patience,
Wait till the night is o'er;
Wait till I see the morning
Break on the golden shore.—Chorus.

Fanny Crosby, 1868.

Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest,
Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's power.

Asleep in Jesus! O for me
May such a blissful refuge be;
Securely shall my ashes lie,
Waiting the summons from on high.

Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

Margaret Mackay, 1832.

Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!

There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!

Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!

Sarah F. Adams, 1841.



CHAPTER SEVEN

Personal Evangelism

The pastor is often called upon to do personal work. He should consider it his greatest privilege and duty to be God's mouthpiece, calling sinners to repentance, admonishing the indifferent and teaching the repentant the way of life.

In approaching the unsaved, the pastor should be patient, loving and prayerful, looking to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and tact.

The pastor should not argue, but hold man to God's Word, showing him that the great question hinges on what he does with Christ. If possible, the pastor should deal with the unsaved alone where it is quiet, and allow no one to interrupt. He should urge the need of immediate decision, asking the unsaved to settle the matter in prayer with him.

The following Scripture verses are designed to help the pastor in this important task. The italics are used for the purpose of emphasis.

1. *All Have Sinned.*

For *all have sinned*, and come short of the glory of God. Rom 3: 23.

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in *one point*, he is guilty of all. Jas. 2: 10.

If we say that we *have not* sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. John 1: 10.

For there is *not a just man* upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Eccl. 7: 20.

All we like sheep have *gone astray*; we have turned every one to his own way. Isa. 53: 6.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and *desperately wicked*; who can know it? Jer. 17: 9.

2. *Punishment for Sin.*

The soul that sinneth, *it shall die*. Ezra 18: 4.

For the wages of sin is *death*. Rom. 6: 23.

The wicked shall be *turned into hell*, and all the nations that forget God. Psalm 9: 17.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was *cast into the lake of fire*. Rev. 20: 15.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into *everlasting fire*, prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25: 41.

And these shall go away into *everlasting punishment*. Matt. 25: 4.



3. *Christ Died for Sin.*

But he was *wounded* for our transgressions, he was *bruised* for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his *stripes* we were healed. Isa. 53: 5.

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ *died* for the ungodly. Rom. 5: 6

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ *died for us*. Rom. 5: 8.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that *hath* on a **tree**. Gal. 3: 13.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. 1 Cor. 15: 3.

Who his own self *bare our sins* in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2: 24.

For Christ also hath *once suffered for sins*, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but quickened by the Spirit. 1 Peter 3: 18.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the *propitiation* for our sins. 1 John 4: 10.



4. *Salvation for All.*

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that *any should perish*, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3: 9.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the *uttermost* that come unto God by him; seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7: 25.

Come now, and let us reason together,

saith the Lord; though your sins *be as scarlet*, they shall be white as snow; though they be *red like crimson*, they shall be as wool. Isa. 1: 18.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was *lost*. Luke 19: 10.

Him that cometh to me I will in *no wise* cast out. John 6: 37.



5. *Salvation by Faith.*

But as many as *received* him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that *believe* on his name. John 1: 12.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever *believeth* in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3: 16.

He that *believeth* on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3: 18.

He that *believeth* on the Son hath everlasting life. John 3: 36.



6. *How to Believe.*

With the Heart.

For with the *heart* man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10: 10.

With Earnestness.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall *search* for me with *all* your heart Jer. 29: 13.

With Repentance.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3: 19.

Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die? Ez. 33: 11.

With Humility.

Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and *become as little children*, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18: 3.

With Gladness.

Let all those that seek thee *rejoice and be glad* in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified. Psal. 40: 16.

Without Fear.

Behold God is my salvation; I will *trust*,
and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is
my strength and my song; he also is become
my salvation. Isa. 12: 2.

7. *When to Believe.*

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden
not your hearts. Heb. 3: 15.

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold,
now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6: 2.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; turn ye
now from your evil ways, and from your
evil doings. Zech. 1: 4.

Seek ye the Lord *while* he may be found,
call upon him while he is near. Isa. 55: 6.

But seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and
his righteousness: and all these things shall
be added unto you. Matt. 6: 33.

8. *Confessing Sin.*

If we *confess* our sins, he is faithful and
just to *forgive* us our sins, and to cleanse us
from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1: 9.

He that covereth his sins shall not pros-

per: but whoso *confesseth* and *forsaketh* them shall have mercy. Prov. 28:13.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to *make intercession for them*. Heb. 7:25.



9. *Confessing Christ.*

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and *with the mouth* confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:10.

Ye are my *witnesses*, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen. Isa. 43:10.

Return to *thine own house*, and *show* how great things God hath done unto thee. Luke 8:39.

Whosoever therefore shall *confess* me before men, *him* will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall *deny* me before men, *him will I also deny* before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:32, 33.



Excuses.

1. *"I can't understand."*

But the natural man *receiveth not* the things of the Spirit of God: for they are

foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2: 14.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and *lean* not upon thine own understanding. Prov. 3: 5.

If any man will *do his will*, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John 7: 17.

Then shall we know, if we *follow on* to know the Lord. Hosea 6: 3.

2. "*I fear failure.*"

Fear thou not: for *I am with thee*: be not dismayed; for I am *thy* God: I will *strengthen* thee; yea, I will *help* thee; yea, I will *uphold thee* with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, *fear not*; I will help thee. Isa. 41: 10, 13.

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that *he is able to keep that* which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. 1: 12.

And he said unto me, My grace is *sufficient for thee*: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will

I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12: 9.

3. "*I fear temptation.*"

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted *above that ye are able*; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be *able to bear it*. 1 Cor. 10: 13.

The Lord knoweth *how to deliver* the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. 2 Peter 2: 9.

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is *able to succor* them that are tempted. Heb. 2: 18.

Blessed is the man that *endureth* temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1: 12.

4. "*I fear persecution.*"

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for *great is your reward* in heaven; for so persecuted they the

prophets which were before you. Matt. 5: 11, 12.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not *worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. Rom. 8: 18.

If we suffer we shall also *reign* with him. 2 Tim. 2: 12.

5. "*My pleasures prevent.*"

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall *gain the whole world*, and lose his own soul? Mark 8: 36.

Lay not up for yourselves *treasures upon earth*, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. Matt. 6: 19.

6. "*My business prevents.*"

Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, *that* shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh *reap corruption*; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. 6: 7, 8.

Love not the world, neither *the things that are in the world*. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world *passeth away*, and the lust therefore; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. 1 John 2: 15-17.

7. "*Inconsistent Christians prevent.*"

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall *all* stand before the judgment seat of Christ. So then every one of us shall give account of *himself* to God. Rom. 14: 10, 12.

Therefore thou art *inexcusable*, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest *doest the same things*. Rom. 2: 1.

8. "*I am a backslider.*"

Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy *backslidings shall reprove thee*: know therefore and see that it is an *evil thing and bitter*, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts. Jer. 2: 13-19.

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say *return*, thou backsliding Is-

rael, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am *merciful*, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Jer. 3: 11-12.

I will heal their backsliding, I will *love them freely*; for mine anger is turned away from him. Hosea. 14: 1, 2-4.



Warnings.

He that believeth not the Son *shall not see life*; but the *wrath of God abideth on him*. John 3: 36.

How shall we escape, if we *neglect* so great a salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him. Heb. 2: 3.

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? Heb. 10: 29.

He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall *suddenly be destroyed*, and that without remedy. Prov. 29: 1.

Exhortations:

To work, to pray and to search the Scriptures.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the *night cometh*, when no man can work. John 9: 4.

And let us *not be weary in well-doing*: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Gal. 6: 9.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice. Psalm 55: 17.

Ask, and it *shall* be given you; seek, and ye *shall* find; knock, and it *shall* be opened unto you. Matt. 7: 7.

Search the Scriptures; for they are they which testify of me. John 5: 39.

Let the word of Christ *dwell in you richly* in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. 3: 10-16.

Study to shew thyself *approved* unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly dividing* the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2: 15.

APPENDIX



The Order for the Solemnization of Marriage

According to the rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

The Exhortation

Dearly beloved: We are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is commended of Saint Paul to be honorable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

And also speaking unto the persons who are to be married, he shall say:

I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it.

For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

The minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification; but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the minister shall say to the man:

M. Wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The man shall answer: I will.

Then shall the minister say unto the woman:

N. Wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou serve him, love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The woman shall answer: I will.

Then shall the minister say:

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner: The minister, receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth:

I, M., take thee, N., to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands; and the woman, with her right hand taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the minister:

I, N., take thee, M., to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands; and the man shall give unto the woman a ring. And the minister, taking the ring, shall deliver it unto the man, to put upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand. And the man, holding the ring there, and taught by the minister, shall say:

With this ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow, in the name

of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then, the man leaving the ring upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, the minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name; that, as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made (*whereof this ring given and received is a token and pledge*), and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the minister join their right hands together, and say:

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Then shall the minister speak unto the company:

Forasmuch as M. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they are man and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And the minister shall add this blessing.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.



**The Order for the Burial of the Dead
According to the Protestant
Episcopal Church**
(Abbreviated)

The minister, meeting the corpse and going before it, shall say,

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. (St. John 11: 25, 26.)

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. (Job 19: 25, 26, 27.)

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. (1 Tim. 6: 7; Job 1: 21.)

Then shall be read or sung one or more of the following portions of the Holy Scriptures, viz.: Ps. 39: 4-13; Ps. 90 and 1 Cor. 15: 41-58.

When they come to the grave, while the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, shall be sung or said,

Man, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal; suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the minister shall say,

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased *brother* (*sister*), we therefore commit *his* (*her*) body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes; dust to dust; looking for the general resur-

rection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Then shall be said, or sung,

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors. (Rev. 14: 13.)

Then the minister shall say one of the following prayers, at his discretion.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith

of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; we humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

